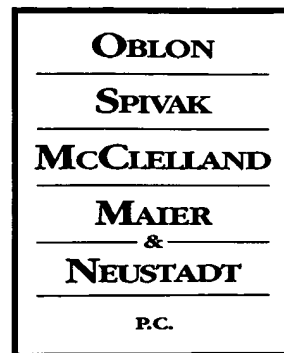


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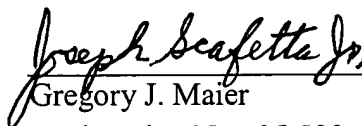
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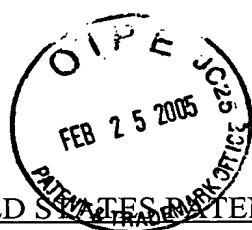
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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated December 3, 2004, and the request therein for a copy of Application No. 10/849,813, please find attached herewith a copy of the claims, abstract, and figures for that application, as formerly supplied to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with a submitted List of Related Cases. Submission of these papers should allow the examiner to consider the relevance of the present application to Application No. 10/849,813.

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